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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SHORT TITLE Open Conference Committees SB _____

ANALYST Baca

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	NFI		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to HR 1, HR 02, HR 03, HR 04

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of HAFC Amendment

The amendments adopted by the House appropriations and Finance Committee require that the results of actions taken by conference committees shall first report to a standing committee in their respective houses.

Synopsis of HJC Amendment

The House Judiciary Amendment adds the term “stated” on page 2, line to require that conference committees may be closed to the public pursuant to state statutes and “for good cause stated upon a vote of the committee.”

Synopsis of Original Bill

House Concurrent Resolution provides that conference committee meetings shall be open to the public; provided that conference committee meetings may be closed to the public pursuant to the exceptions stated in Subsection B of Section 10-15-2 NMSA 1978 or for good cause upon a vote of the committee. The time and place of open conference committee meetings shall be announced on the public address system and posted at the speaker's and the president pro tempore's offices.

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